

Department of Transportation

Road Services Division

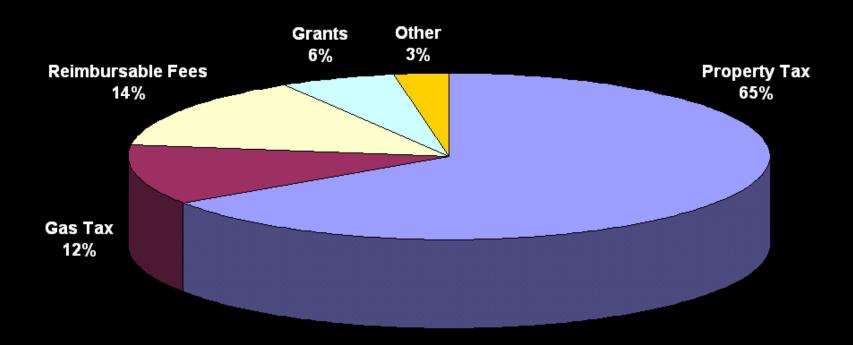
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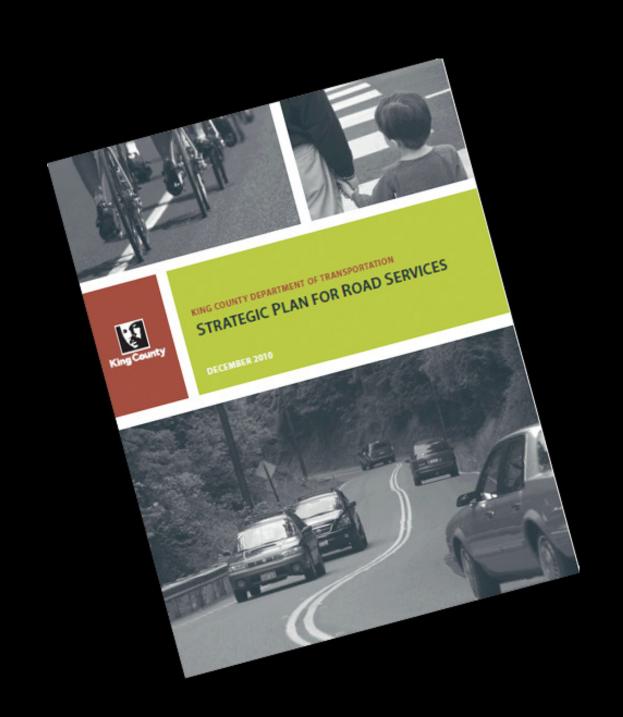
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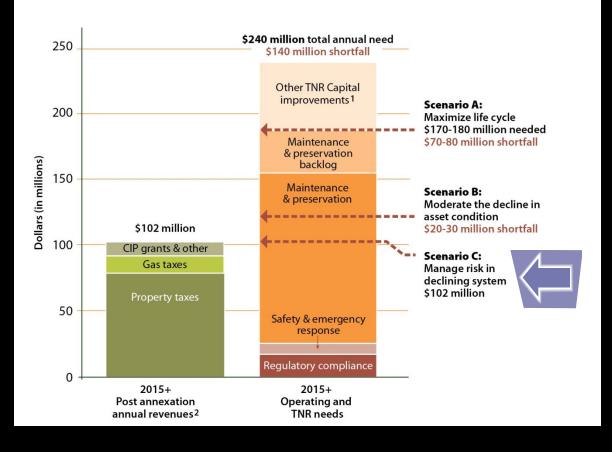
Road Services Division 2012 Combined Revenues



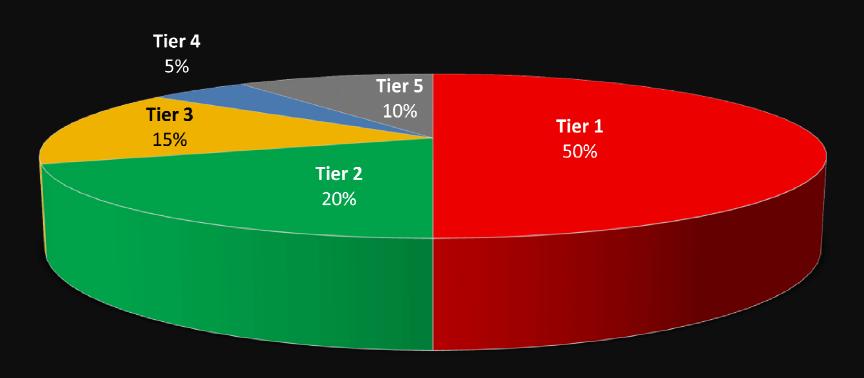


Strategic Plan for Road Services (SPRS)

Road Services maintenance, preservation and capital improvement needs and annual funding shortfall



Tiered Service Levels % of daily trips





T1 - Novelty Hill Road NE



T2 - Renton Ave S from 128 St to S 130 St



T3 - SE 144th St

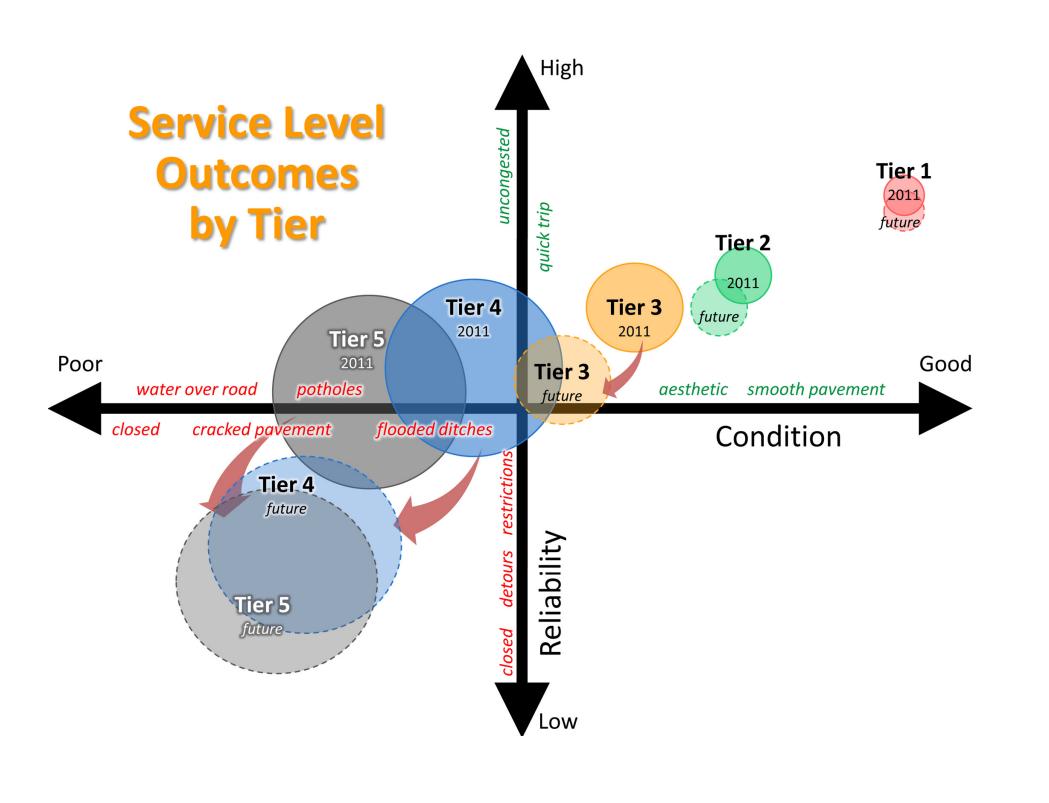


T4 - 15 Mile Creek Bridge



T5 - SE Mirrormont Way





Outreach

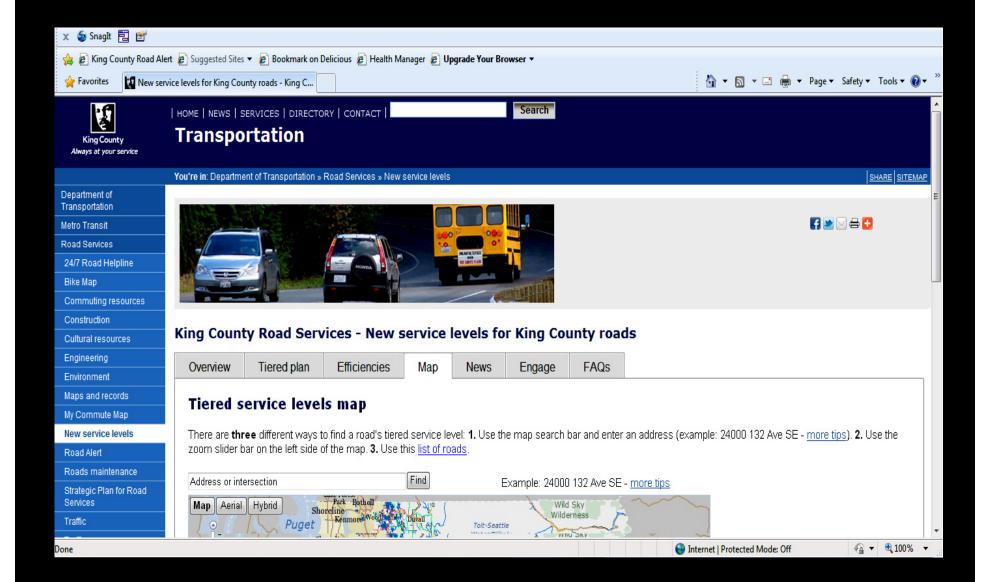


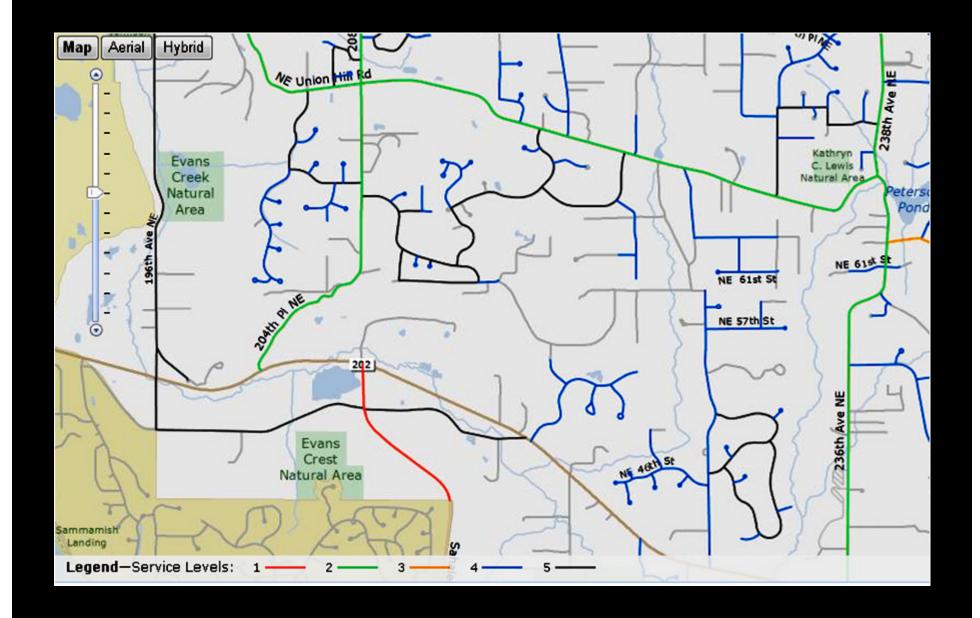
Implementation challenges





Communication tools





Commonly-asked questions

- Q Why was the tier system created? Answer: This system of varying service levels provides a framework to help determine what maintenance and preservation/construction investments should be made given available funding.
- Q What does the tiered service system mean to me? Answer: Depending on the service tier assigned to the roads on which you travel or live, you may see changes in snow removal and emergency event response times, in preventative and reactive maintenance, and in traffic operations work.
- Q How is this different than the category system for snow and ice response? Does this mean you won't plow my road? Answer: We follow a category system for snow and ice emergency response (including plowing roads) that is similar to the tiered system. Decisions about which roads to plow will be made based on the category of the road, core safety concerns, available staff resources and funding constraints. Priorities for the category system, which only applies in emergency events, are based on lifeline and transit routes. The tier system is used at all other times. Please see the Road Services Division's website and snow and ice brochure for more details about the category system.
- Q May I plow my own road or hire a private contractor? Answer: Citizens may plow their own private roads, but NOT a public road or right-of-way. This puts King County at too high of a risk and could endanger the public.
- Q Are you going to remove debris along my road? Answer: Road Services allocates resources to services like debris removal using a risk management approach to ensure the protection of life safety and the prevention of damage to private property, King County assets and the environment, and the preservation of mobility.
- Q Why are you cutting my services when I pay my taxes? Answer: Revenues collected from taxes have not kept pace with the rising cost of maintaining the road system. The intention of the tier system is to use available funding and staff resources as efficiently and responsibly as possible.
- Q What do I do if I disagree with the tier designation of my road? Answer: Please send us an email or call us with your concerns.

www.kingcounty.gov/roads

Resources

New service levels for roads www.kingcounty.gov/roads/newservicelevels

Strategic Plan for Road Services www.kingcounty.gov/roads/strategicplan

Contact us

We encourage you to share your thoughts about the new service levels for roads in unincorporated King County:

- Call 206-296-8766
- Email roadservices@kingcounty.gov
- www.kingcounty.gov/roads/newservicelevels

24/7 Road Helpline

206-296-8100 or 1-800-527-6273

Comments?

If you have comments or questions regarding services provided by our division, please feel free to contact us by e-mail or phone.

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Alternative formats available

206-296-6590 TTY Relay: 711

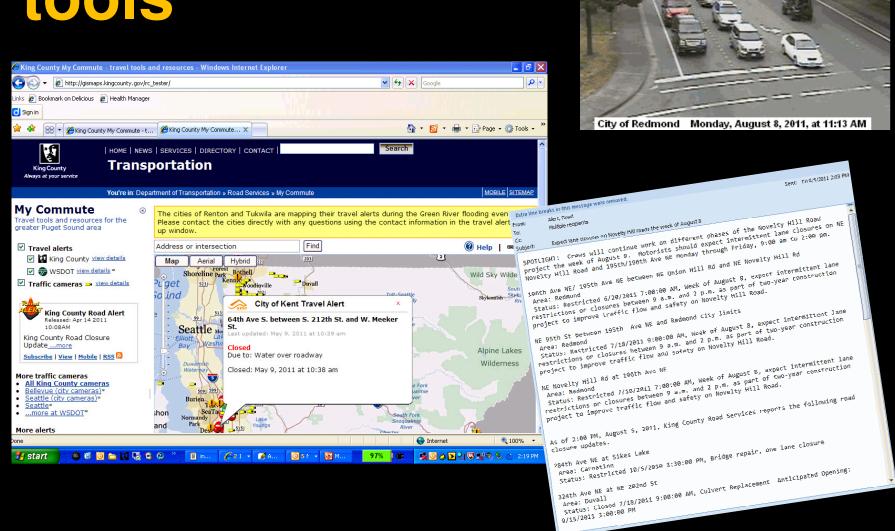


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Monitoring tools



Avondale Road at Novelty Hill Road



What's next?

